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SEN. SCOTT INITIATIVE TO IMPROVE FIRE SAFETY APPROVED BY SENATE

Bills Make Michigan Safer by Strengthening Homeland Security and Emergency Management

LANSING- State Senator Martha G. Scott (D- Highland Park) announced today the passage of a legislative package that will establish a new Bureau of Fire Services intended to consolidate fire fighting resources and promote more effective and efficient fire fighting techniques. The new bureau will be within the Department of Labor and Economic Growth (DLEG).

“This legislation will assure that Michigan residents receive the protections that they deserve against fire-related emergencies,” Sen. Martha G. Scott said. “Public safety is a non-partisan issue and I’m proud of the support that these bills received from my colleagues on both sides of the aisle.”

The bipartisan legislation was introduced in March. It follows an executive directive issued last November by Governor Granholm ordering that planning begin immediately on a new agency responsible for the fire service related aspects of the state’s homeland security and emergency response efforts. The 25 bill package will establish a Bureau of Fire Services headed by the State Fire Marshall. In addition, the legislative package will also do the following:

- Improve communication and coordination among our state’s fire fighting services
- Recognize the act creating the Arson Strike Force Unit.
- Transfer the Fire Fighting Training Council to the Bureau of Fire Services.
- Require that local units of government apply to the Bureau of Fire Services for permits to process fireworks.
- Provide tort damage immunity to firefighting instructors

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Senator Scott represents the 2nd Senate District, which includes areas of Detroit and the cities of Hamtramck, Harper Woods, Highland Park and all of the Grosse Pointes. She serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee.